

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of making a hole in a ceramic green sheet, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

preparing a ceramic green sheet including ceramic powder mainly and silicate glass; and
irradiating a first surface of ~~the~~ said ceramic green sheet with ~~a~~ laser beam, having a substantially square pulse shape having a minimum power that is more than 60% of a maximum power, so as to make a hole in said first surface.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an oscillation output of the laser beam that is not smaller than 700W.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam a time for which oscillation of said laser beam thereof can be controlled is for not longer than 2 μ s microseconds.

4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
~~said step of irradiating the~~ a first surface of ~~the~~ said ceramic green sheet with ~~the~~ a laser beam comprises irradiating ~~the~~ said first surface of ~~the~~ said ceramic green sheet with ~~the~~ said laser beam not more than three times ~~for making the hole.~~

5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an energy of the laser beam that ranges from 2 mJ to 50 mJ.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
~~said step of preparing the a~~ ceramic green sheet comprises preparing ~~the a~~ ceramic green sheet
having a second surface thereof coated with a carrier film.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein
~~said step of preparing the a~~ ceramic green sheet comprises preparing ~~the a~~ ceramic green sheet
~~havin the~~ having said first side surface coated with a protective film.

8. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein
preparing a ceramic green sheet including ceramic powder mainly and silicate glass comprises
preparing a ceramic green sheet including said ceramic powder and silicate glass including an alkali
earth metal oxide, with said ceramic green sheet being capable of being baked at a temperature lower
than 1000°C.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating
said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an oscillation output that is not
smaller than 700W.

10. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating
said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam for which oscillation thereof can be
controlled for not longer than 2 microseconds.

11. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating
said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with said laser beam not more than three times.

12. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating
said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an energy that ranges from
2 mJ to 50 mJ.

13. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having a second
surface thereof coated with a carrier film.

14. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein
preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having said first
surface coated with a protective film.